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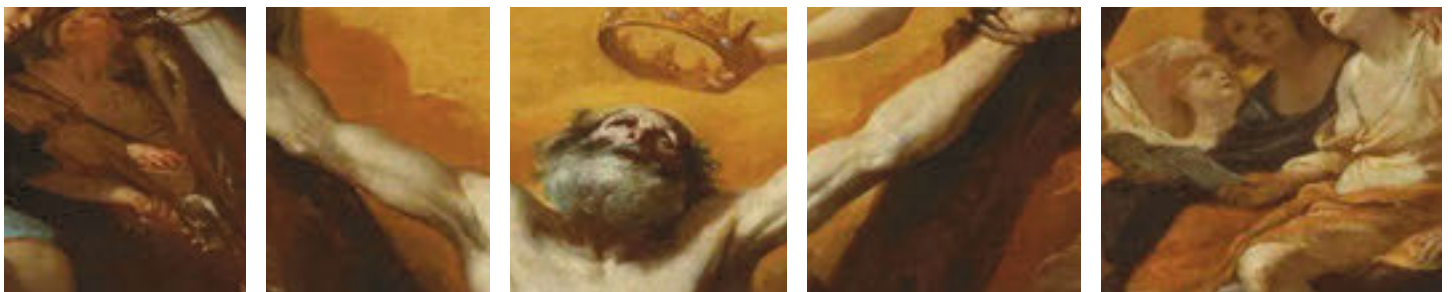


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THE SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, THE KING OF THE UNIVERSE
NOVEMBER 26, 2023



Photo: Stained Glass Window in our church.



Nov. 30 - St. Andrew, Apostle

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In Loving Memory

of those whose funeral services
were celebrated at St. Francis of Assisi Parish
November 2022 – October 2023

Larry Loeffler Jr.	Margaret Alice Healey
Michael Dean Anger	Theresa Grassi
Janet Marie Vitt	Bobbie Zerelda Sullivan
Drago Petkovich	William Kerby
Merle Mitchell	Chris Delany
Evelyn Marie Villanueva	Christina Schott
Clara Padilla Viianuerva	Andronica Perez Armas
Josephine Valdez	Consuelo (Connie) Mora
	Rufino (Joe) Mora



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THE POPE TWEETS NOV 15, 2023

Let us #PrayTogether for #Peace, especially for martyred Ukraine and for the Holy Land, in Palestine and Israel. May we not forget Sudan, which suffers greatly. We should take a moment each day to pray for peace. We desire peace!

Franciscus

November 30

St. Andrew

"Hail, O Cross, inaugurated by the Body of Christ and adorned with His limbs as though they were precious pearls. Before the Lord mounted you, you inspired an earthly fear. Now, instead, endowed with heavenly love, you are accepted as a gift."



Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,
I believe that You
are present in the
Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into
my soul. Since I cannot at this
moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my
heart. I embrace You as if You were
already there and unite myself wholly
to You. Never permit me to be
separated from You. Amen.

Peace Prayer of St. Francis



Lord, make me an
instrument of your **peace**;
where there is hatred,
let me sow **love**;
where there is injury, **pardon**;
where there is doubt, **faith**;
where there is despair, **hope**;
where there is darkness, **light**;
and where there is sadness, **joy**.

O Divine Master,
grant that I may not
so much seek
to be consoled, as to **console**;
to be understood, as to **understand**;
to be loved, as to **love**;
for it is in giving that we **receive**,
it is in pardoning that we are **pardoned**,
and it is in dying that we are
born to eternal life.

The prayer does wonderfully represent the spirit of St. Francis and the Franciscan Orders.

Amen.

Weekly Readings

Readings for the week of November 26:

Sun: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6 (1)/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46
 Mon: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Lk 21:1-4
 Tue: Dn 2:31-45/Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61/Lk 21:5-11
 Wed: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Dn 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67/Lk 21:12-19
 Thur: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 4:18-22
 Fri: Dn 7:2-14/Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81/Lk 21:29-33
 Sat: Dn 7:15-27/Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87/Lk 21:34-36
 Next Sunday:
 Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4)/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37

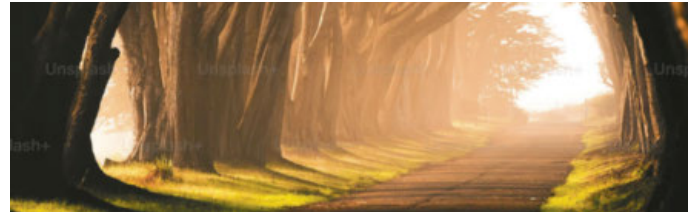
DO YOU LIKE TO SING?



Come join the choir as we prepare for Advent and Christmas!

Commitment is a rehearsal on Tuesday evenings at 7:00pm and rehearsal one hour before 5:15pm or 9:30am Mass.

Contact John Iosefa at johni@stfrancisparish.com for more details, and come talk to us after Mass.



ADULT MINISTRY PRESENTS

What is worth striving for? What makes life worth living?

VALUES: A SPIRITUAL COMPASS FOR OUR JOURNEY THROUGH ADVENT

As we emerge from the shadow of COVID, we may want to reconsider what truly matters in our lives. Values form the foundation of our life choices and our sense of who we are in relation to ourselves, others and the world. They motivate us to live authentic lives by guiding our daily actions. Pour yourself a cup of coffee/tea, and join us for a lively, interactive session as we take the Rokeach Values Survey, the most researched values assessment published. Get to know your fellow parishioners as we discover how our values impact our lives mentally, emotionally and behaviorally and how they guide us in making moral choices.

**Saturday December 2
Brunsmann Hall
9:30 to 11**

Plus Food, Glorious Food!



COUNTDOWN TO ADVENT

Advent at the time of St. Francis was a penitential season, much like Lent. The austerities of the season were a reminder to let go of human vanity and embrace a more divine humility. In this spirit, we might focus our Advent activities on prayer, on charity, and on reflecting on the true meaning of Christmas. There will be plenty of time for parties after December 25, and we will come to them refreshed and renewed. *Advent begins next Sunday.*

Text: Dianne Houdek, Advent with St. Francis: Daily Reflections. Franciscan Media. (<https://amzn.to/2RS4MPq>)



CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION CLASSES BEGAN RECENTLY ... REGISTRATION IS STILL OPEN!

Classes are for students in
1st through 8th grade
and are held on

Sunday from 11 am -12 pm in the Parish Center.

For additional information and registration, please visit:
https://www.stfrancisparish.com/children_formation.htm

CALIFORNIA INTERNATIONAL MARATHON

Be Aware of CIM Delays Next Sunday, Dec 3rd

The California International Marathon will run on next Sunday, December 3rd, 2023, causing some intersections near the church to be closed. The race starts at 7am near Folsom Dam and travels Oak Avenue, Fair Oaks Blvd, and J Street to the Capitol. Intersections will be closed only while the race comes through, but be prepared, if necessary, to leave home early and avoid the racecourse on your way to St. Francis. J Street will be closed from approximately 8:00am-1:45pm.

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MORE INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE AT runcim.org.

FRANCISFEST '24



A Celebration of Fellowship, Food & Fun

Save the Date: April 28, 2024

EARLY BIRD DONATIONS

Based on the rousing success of this spring's first-ever FrancisFest, the planning committee is already hard at work planning next year's event.

In advance, we welcome "treasures" for the upscale yard sale, dubbed the Treasure Chest. If you are cleaning out drawers or closets anytime this fall, winter or early spring, we will gladly accept, right away, any new or gently used items. (Please no clothing, exercise equipment or non-working bikes.)

Contact Marcia Rooney at ribney@att.net or Mike Falasco at mikefalasco1@gmail.com to make arrangements to donate your items.



LITURGICAL PRACTICES UPDATE

with Fr. Alexander A. Estrella

Journey with us in the practice of liturgy. OPEN TO ALL WHO ARE INTERESTED.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2023
9am-12:00pm in the church!

Early Bulletin deadlines!

Content for the bulletin for DEC 3 (1st Sunday of Advent) is due Nov 25

Content for the bulletin for DEC 10 (2nd Sunday of Advent) is due Dec 2.

Content for the bulletin for Dec 17 (3rd Sunday of Advent) is due Dec 7.

Content for the bulletin for Dec 24 (4th Sunday of Advent / Christmas Eve) is due Dec 13.

Content for the bulletin for Dec 31, 2023 (Sunday) is due Dec 20.

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St. Francis of Assisi Parish
November 25-26, 2023

We adore you Most Holy Lord Jesus Christ, here and in all your churches in the world,
And we bless you, because by your Holy Cross you have redeemed the world. Amen.

Gathering:

All You Works of God

Marty Haugen

REFRAIN

All you works of God, ev - 'ry moun - tain, star and tree, bless the One.
— who shapes your beau - ty, who has caused you all to be one great song of love and
grace, ev - er an - cient ev - er new. Raise your voic - es, all you works of God!_

Cantor/Choir: ...

All: Bless your Maker!

Cantor/Choir: ...

All: Chant your praise!

Cantor/Choir: ...

All: Raise up your joyful song. (Refrain)

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Kyrie:

Mass of Renewal

Curtis Stephan

Cantor then All

Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son... Chri - ste, e - le - i - son... Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son.

Gloria:

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.

*We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy, have mercy on us.*

*For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen, amen.*

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Psalms: Psalm 23: "Shepherd Me, O God..."

Marty Haugen

Shep-herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be - yond my fears from death in - to life._

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Gospel Acclamation:

Curtis Stephan

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia... Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia._

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APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting.

AMEN+

Preparation of Gifts:

In Every Age

Janèt Sullivan Whitaker

1. Long before the mountains came to be and the land and sea and stars of the night, through the endless seasons of all time, you have always been, you will always be. **(Refrain)**

In ev-'ry age, O God, you have been our ref-uge. In ev-'ry age, O
God, you have been our hope, God, you have been our
hope, you have been our ref - uge you have been our hope.

2. Destiny is cast, and at your silent word we return to dust and scatter to the wind. A thousand years are like a single moment gone, as the light that fades at the end of day. **(Refrain)**

3. Teach us to make use of the time we have. Teach us to be patient even as we wait. Teach us to embrace our ev'ry joy and pain. To sleep peacefully, and to rise up strong. **(Refrain)**

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Liturgy of the Eucharist:

Mass of Renewal

Curtis Stephen

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

When we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim your death, O Lord, until you come again.

Amen, Amen, Amen!

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us, grant us peace.

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Communion:

I Am the Bread of Life

Suzanne Toolan, RSM

I am the Bread of life. You who come to me shall not hunger;
and who believe in me shall not thirst. No one can come to me unless the Father beckons.

REFRAIN
And I will raise you up, and I will raise you
up, and I will raise you up on the last day.

The bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world,
and if you eat of this bread, you shall live forever, you shall live forever. **(Refrain)**

Unless you eat of the flesh of the Son of Man and drink of his blood,
and drink of his blood, you shall not have life within you. **(Refrain)**

I am the Resurrection, I am the life.
If you believe in me, even though you die you shall live forever. **(Refrain)**

Yes, Lord, we believe that you are the Christ,
The Son of God, who have come into the world. **(Refrain)**

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Sending Forth:

Alleluia, Give the Glory

Ken Canedo and Bob Hurd

Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu -
- ia! Give the glo - ry and the hon - or to the Lord!
Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu -
- ia! Give the glo - ry and the hon - or to the Lord!

Where two are three are gathered in my name,
There I am in the midst of them: there I'll be. **(Refrain)**

I am the vine and you are the branches.
Abide in me and bear much fruit. **(Refrain)**

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